



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: September 15, 2009

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Creeks Division, Parks and Recreation Department

SUBJECT: Catch Basin Inlet Storm Drain Screens Project

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council increase the appropriation and estimated revenue by \$1,789,388 in the Fiscal Year 2010 Creeks Capital Fund for the Catch Basin Inlet Storm Drain Screens Project.

DISCUSSION:

On February 17, 2009, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 was signed into law by President Obama. The ARRA appropriates additional economic stimulus funds for job preservation and creation, infrastructure investment, energy efficiency and science, assistance to the unemployed, and state and local fiscal stabilization. The California Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF), managed by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), received approximately \$280 million from this bill. The SWRCB modified the existing CWSRF program to distribute a portion of these monies as grants to fund nonpoint source pollution control projects throughout the state.

Although competition was extremely high for the stimulus funds, the Creeks Division submitted a grant application for the Catch Basin Inlet Storm Drain Screens Project. The project involves the installation of retractable screens on approximately 1,400 City storm drain inlets to prevent trash and debris from entering the creeks and beaches, while still allowing storm water flows to pass through. The project was selected for funding because it creates jobs, builds green infrastructure, and was ready for construction within the required CWSRF timeline.

The CWSRF guidelines require a resolution authorizing the applicant's representative to apply for, negotiate, and execute a grant contract. Council approved such a resolution at its August 25, 2009, meeting. The Creeks Division has now been awarded grant funding through the CWSRF program for the Catch Basin Inlet Storm Drain Screens Project.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

The total cost of the project is \$2,143,148. The CWSRF grant will provide \$1,789,388 toward the manufacture and installation of the screens. Matching Measure B funds in the amount of \$353,760 are already budgeted in the Creeks Capital Fund.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

This project is designed to reduce several types of water quality pollutants, including trash, sediment, nutrients, and metals. This will improve water quality and aesthetics in the creeks and on the beaches.

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